

SeniorCare and Medicare Part D Definitions

AWP – Average wholesale price (used for most single source brand drugs)

Donut hole – Recipient drug expenditures between \$2,250 and \$5,100 per year which are not covered under Medicare Part D.

Dual eligible – Individuals who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.

Elderly Benefit Specialist Program – The Elderly Benefit Specialist program is a state program designed to assist older persons gain access to private or governmental benefits. County/tribal benefit specialists, who are trained and supervised by regional attorneys specializing in elder law and benefits, help older persons determine what benefits they are entitled to, tell them what they must do to receive the benefits and assist with paperwork.

LIS – Low income subsidy which provides extra help with the Medicare Part D cost sharing requirements.

MAC – Maximum allowed cost (used for multi-source, generic drugs)

PA – Prior authorization

PDL – Preferred drug list

PDP – Prescription drug plan

Pharmacy Plus Demonstration Initiative – Under a Section 1115 pharmacy demonstration, states could request a waiver from CMS to provide prescription drug coverage to a range of individuals including Medicare beneficiaries and/or people with disabilities who are not eligible for full Medicaid benefits under title XIX of the Social Security Act and with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

SPAP – State pharmacy assistance program

SSA – Social Security Administration